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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12-15. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Final Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claim 12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 12 and respectfully submits that it now complies with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 14-16 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Applicant's prior art admission, stating that Applicant's admitted prior art discloses each and every element of the invention as claimed.

In response thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's invention has a communication means for sending the information necessary for driving a connection body to a dental apparatus. According to the structure of Applicant's invention, if a motor hand piece, by way of example, is to be modified such that the maximum rotation of the hand piece is to be increased, the motor hand piece can be driven by a non-modified apparatus body because the motor hand piece sends to the apparatus body information about the maximum rotation number.

In contrast thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that JP 2002-35009 of Applicant's admitted prior art only discloses a structure in which the instrument body generates identification signals and the information to drive the instrument body has to be prepared in advance in the apparatus body and is different from and does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed by claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 14-16. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 14-16 are not anticipated by Applicant's admitted prior art.

The Examiner has rejected claims 6 and 9 under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Applicant's admitted prior art, stating that Applicant's admitted prior art discloses all of the present invention and particularly discloses a conventional dental apparatuses with a rechargeable battery as a self-driving source to be controllable and chargeable; and therefore, it is the Examiner's opinion that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have provided the connection assembly with the rechargeable battery and the use of varied

voltage level signals or varied frequency signals as identification signals have been conventionally utilized in communication devices.

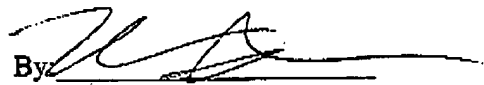
In reply thereto, Applicant would like to incorporate by reference his comments above concerning Applicant's invention and Applicant's admitted prior art and respectfully submits that Applicant's admitted prior art does not disclose a communication means for sending to said main body information necessary for driving the connection assembly and the addition of such a communication means and connection assembly of Applicant's invention would not have been suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art by Applicant's admitted prior art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6 and 7 are not obvious over Applicant's admitted prior art.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Rule 116 Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Rule 116 Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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